

## **EMS MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

### **JULY 11, 2007**

#### **TRAINING**

- A memo will be sent out July 16, 2007 about the DOT refresher courses increasing to two this year and two in the second half. The class scheduled meets the strategic plans.
- Sinman program. Lt. Molinaro / Lt. Burns worked with several companies and have received positive feedback. There were some issues about equipment malfunction but working on getting it resolved. About two training sessions a day is being done. Q/I brought in Thomas Mathenia to do a session to help with break down of issues with the run tickets. Lt. Burns really stressed when making first responders call it is a team effort and everyone on the company needs to be involved and communication is very important.
- Chief Ludwig addressed raising the standards for the EMT's. Chief Ludwig stated the EMT's were being trained on how to be EMT's but never told what was expected of them as EMT's. Some of the EMT's have been out of the loop and the only time they came in contact with some of the equipment is when they rode the company for about a year and never get a chance to put their skills to use. Chief Ludwig is working on getting the process changed when probationary firefighters ride in an ambulance.
- Chief Rike asked would it be more productive when the Simman goes mobile and the response was answered YES. With the new CIP the Simbaby was denied. The objective for the new year is to work with the Simchild. The approved equipment can be used until the paramedic program is up and running. Chief Covington will be coordinating the purchase for the Simbaby. Chief Ludwig: Blended of BLS/ALS protocols. Robert Welch is waiting on reviews from CBEMS to start training Basic EMT will .2 and .3 ceu's for paramedics.
- Robert Welch talked about the State pay and CBEMS certification. The goals are if you attend classes not only will you receive state pay you will also receive CEU's.
- Chief Ludwig wants the AED's installed in public fire department buildings. Five companies are still without AED's waiting on the programs.

- Attendees are working on last draft of the rehab policy before making it standard. A grant was proposed for \$64,000.00 to rehab old ambulance reserves and the MATA bus. No deadline set for grant.
- Paramedic education program information is being reviewed. Working on getting equipment purchased.
- Three or four Zoll monitors are being used strictly for training purposes. COAMPS accreditations accredits paramedic programs cross countrywide, all nine current programs in TN are accredited. The program is opened to all candidates within the department who qualifies and meets the standards. Several participants would be interested if they could get on the job training and incentives.
- Union Representative had a brief discussion with Mr. Keith McGee and Mayor Herenton about the paramedic recruiting and retention issue. Labor Management and the Union to resolve retention issues.

### **EMS SYSTEMS**

- Robyn McKinley and Lt. Julian Wilson will begin training with EMS SYSTEMS Upon completion they will start training the staff.

### **911 ALTERNATIVES**

- Brenda Harper reports she is seeing an improvements with the patients and working with there social workers. The numbers with 201 Poplar are decreasing, only two calls were made. Richmond, VA utilizes one software program to handle incoming emergency calls and different software program to dispatch outgoing calls. Brenda will be working on putting together a survey with the hospital to track patient visits.

### **INFECTION CONTROL OFFICER**

- Lt. Barry Nash was introduced as the new Infection Control Officer. His contact number is 354-6756. Agreed with Chief Ludwig how important this position was needed. Lt. Nash talked about some short term goals, new updated guidelines, and implemented prevention.

## **EMS COORDINATOR**

- Lt. Pelletier informed staff on the receipt and inspection for the new units went well. Lt. Pelletier also went over how some of the new equipment operates and he also talked about the remaining ten units. The bid specs for eleven more units are going well.

Meeting adjourned by Chief Ludwig